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SUBJECT: ECA MEETING ON REMOTE SENSING CENTER

REF: A) STATE 234376; B) STATE 233700; C) ADDIS 11589

1. ECA NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING PROVISIONAL
AGENDA FOR THE INTER-AGENCY MEETING ON REMOTE SENSING WHICH WILL
BE HELD OCT 23 AND 24, 1975:

A. WHAT IS TO BE SENSED.

B. THE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SETTING UP OF A REGIONAL
INTERNATIONAL REMOTE SENSING SATELLITE GROUND RECEIVING AND
DATA HANDLING CENTER TO COVER AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, THE WHOLE
OF AFRICA.

C. THE SPECIFIC INTERESTS OF THE PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS,
AND THEIR PROPOSALS TO HELP SET UP SUCH A CENTER.

D. THE TECHNICAL CRITERIA FOR CHOOSING A HOST COUNTRY.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

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IN ADDITION TO THE INVITATION MENTIONED IN REF C, ECA ALSO INTENDS TO INVITE APPROPRIATE FRENCH REPRESENTATION IN VIEW OF POTENTIAL ROLE OUAGADOUGOU STATION COULD PLAY IN THIS UNDERTAKING.

2. ECA IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ITEM D AS THE SELECTION OF THE HOST COUNTRY FOR THE GROUND STATION MAY BECOME ONE OF THE MAJOR ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS EFFORT. CONSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT US REPRESENTATIVES HAVE AVAILABLE ANY OBJECTIVE TECHNICAL CRITERIA WHICH COULD BE USED AS AN INPUT INTO THE SELECTION OF A HOST COUNTRY.

3. THE NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION WAS DISTRESSED TO LEARN THAT NASA HAD NOT RECEIVED ITS INVITATION AS OF OCT 1 (REF B) AND ASKED THE EMBASSY TO EXTEND THE INVITATION TELEGRAPHICALLY. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT NASA BE SO INFORMED IT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ITS INVITATION. ANOTHER LETTER OF INVITATION HAS BEEN POUCHED.

4. ECA HAS BEEN INFORMED IN GENERAL TERMS OF AID'S EFFORTS RE THE WEST AFRICA REMOTE SENSING CENTER PER REF A. THE WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT DESIGN TEAM SHOULD MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE ECA/UNDP INITIATIVE IN THIS AREA. EMBASSY IS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT PLANNING FOR THIS TEAM HAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED TO RELATE ITS ACTIVITIES TO BROADER ECA/UNDP INTERESTS AND BELIEVES IT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH THE ECA/UNDP EFFORT.
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